GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

CAF& CS Department – Unusual rise in retail prices of edible oils - Measures to be taken to contain the price rise – Constitution of State level Price Monitoring Action Group (PMAG) – Orders – Issued

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CONSUMER AFFAIRS FOOD & CIVIL SUPPLIES(CS.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No:16 Dated:14/03/2022

Read the following

1. G O Ms.No.14 CAF&CS(CS.II)Dept. dt.03.12.2021.
2. Central Order S.O.No.452(E) dated 03.0.2.2022.
3. Secretary to GOI, Dept. of Food & Public Distribution, D.O.Lr.N o.06/02/2017-Oil, dated 09.03.2022.
4. E.A. to Chief Secretary Note No.54/CS-EA/2022, dt.10.03.2022.

ORDER

The Secretary to Govt. of India, has informed that prices are showing an increasing trend considerably after 24th February, 2022. The price increase is not justifiable as present stocks in the market are the stocks which have been imported into the country at reduced prices after the duty reduction announced by the Government. On 24th February,2022, all oil importers had an inventory of nearly 45 days which meant that at least till 10th April,2022, old stocks will be sold and therefore, the unreasonable hike is nothing but profiteering. Further that MRP printed on the oil pouches is not being followed in some States /UTs. He requested to take measures to contain the unusual price rise and ensure the supply chain runs smoothly.

2) Accordingly a meeting has been conducted on 11.03.2022 with the officials of Civil Supplies, Marketing, Vigilance & Enforcement, Legal Metrology, Civil Supplies Corporation and AP Oil Fed and discussed measures to be taken to control the abrupt price rise. It is also decided to constitute a Price Monitoring Action Group (PMAG) Task Force at State Level to monitor the price situation and to take measures to contain the unusual price rise and ensure the supply chain runs smoothly.

3) In view of the above, a Price Monitoring Action Group at the State level under the Chairmanship of the Principal Secretary to Govt., Agricultural Marketing & Cooperation is hereby constituted with following officers as members:

1. Principal Secretary to Government, Agriculture Marketing & Cooperation, - Chairman
2. Commissioner of Civil Supplies & EO Secretary to Government - Convener
3. Director General, Vigilance and Enforcement
4. Controller, Legal Metrology
5 Commissioner, Agriculture -Marketing
6. Commissioner, Health & Family Welfare, and Food Safety Department
7. Director., MARKFED
8. VC & Managing Director, AP State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd., Managing Director, AP Oil fed
9. Chief Executive Officer, Rythu Bazaars,
10. Director, Civil Supplies

4) The Committee shall monitor the price situation daily upto 15 April 2022 by receiving information from multiple sources - V&E, Civil Supplies, DES, MARKFED and others. Based on the information the PMAG would daily devise measures to control the price rise. Some of the suggested measures are -

- Joint Collectors to conclude the cases booked under Sec 6A of EC Act.
- Commissioner, Agriculture-Marketing/ MD, AP Oil Fed to increase the purchase of edible oil for consumer distribution through alternate outlets (e.g.Rythu Bazaars).
- AP Oilfed to explore possibility to sell the edible oils through Rythu Bazaars only instead of selling through its distributors. Review the AP Oil-fed MRP prices to assess whether the prices can be reduced further for retail sale.
- Conduct meetings with edible oil manufacturers to control the pricing of edible oils.
- Increase the scope of daily price collection from Consumers directly by involving CS RIs and other staff in CS dept.
- Inclusion of ASOs of Planning (Statistics) Dept. to get information of prices of edible oil prices at consumer level.
- Intensify inspection and checks with regard to stock limits and prices of edible oils by Vigilance & Enforcement dept., Legal Metrology, and Civil Supplies / Revenue staff and subsequently take strict action against the violations.
- Prevent adulteration of edible oils, to intensify the inspections / testing and take punitive action under the FSS Act 2006.

5) The Chief Secretary would review twice a week.

6) The Commissioner of Civil Supplies & E O Secretary, shall take further action in the matter.

7) A copy of this order is available at apegazette.cgg.gov.in

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

M.GIRIJA SHANKAR
E.O. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To,
All the Committee members
Copy to Secretary to CM,
Copy to PS to the Hon'ble Minister (FCS&CA)
Copy to PS to CS
The Director of Printing, Stationery & Stores Purchase (Printing Wing) Vijayawada for publication of the Notification in an extraordinary issue of A.P. Gazette.

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SECTION OFFICER